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1. Attached herewith are two copies of seven documents which pass through [] in room 1, Jewish Plans, FBI Div. Comments of [] concerning these documents are set forth in the attached memorandum.
2. Also attached is a rollfilm roll of attached documents.
3. No copies are retained for the home file.

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MEMORANDUM

Subject: Plan Lappend Material

1. This batch consists of five documents all apparently extracted from the files of the Oriental Congregation headed by Cardinal TISSERANT. They vary in date from 25 May to 13 June 1951, and are hence, less recent than previous material from this source. While several of the documents are underlined at key points or scored in the margin, apparently in pencil, none bear written comments or other evidence of office handling.

Item a. is a copy of a report dated Beyrouth, 23 May, from the Apostolic Delegate to the Vatican Secretariat of State, signed Joseph BELTRAMI, said copy being forwarded direct to (Cardinal) TISSERANT under a cover letter. Protocol numbers, filing indications and so forth of this, as of all documents in this batch, are more or less identical with those of previous material. This item reports the anti-Christian and anti-Jewish remarks made by Moslem leaders in the course of the Arab conference at Karachi.

Item b. dated 6 June 1951, is a situation report on Syria, evidently in response to a query from Rome, sent from Beyrouth to the Vatican Secretariat of State. This document also bears a stamp of the Eastern Congregation and was presumably forwarded by the Secretariat of State to the Eastern Congregation although there is no cover letter showing this to be true. The report itself gives a break-down of the political parties of Syria; briefly analyzes Syrian relations with its Arab neighbors, analyzes the Arab Mutual Defense Treaty; and tends to play down the probability of a "second round" - i.e., a renewed Arab attack on Palestine.

Item c. consists of a cover letter dated 11 June 1951 from the Maronite Archbishop in Beyrouth to the Oriental Congregation forwarding copy of a report sent to the Secretariat of State. The report itself covers the meeting on 7 June of the Maronite (patriarch) ARIIDA, and KHURI, Lebanese Chief of State. This meeting was to discuss the Lebanese attitude toward an Arab League suggestion for the formation of a unified Arab state. As reported, the conclusions reached in this discussion were that considerations of national sovereignty and the Christian status of a large element of the Lebanese population made it impossible for Lebanon to join a united Arab state. This document may have direct intelligence value of a relatively high sort, although we can not judge it here, of course, with any knowledge of what present coverage of the Middle East is available to headquarters.

Item d. is a report from the Apostolic Delegation in Jerusalem dated 13 June 1951 addressed to Cardinal TISSERANT. This is a response to a specific request for information on the situation of the Melchite Eparchie of Akka. The report gives a break-down of Catholic population (with an evident error of arithmetic in

paragraph 1), the clergy, churches, and the great difficulties which all of these are facing as a result of the war in Israel, refugee status and so forth.

Item e. is a report dated 13 June from the Apostolic Delegation in Jerusalem to the Secretariat of State. As in the case of b. above this document appears to be one passed to the Oriental Congregation. The report is an analysis of the Israeli political situation and appears to have been drafted in reply to a specific request from Rome. The report touches upon the relations of Israel with its Arab neighbors, emphasizes the major points of disagreement and the elements which appear to make a peaceful solution almost impossible. Perhaps because of the vantage point from which its author views the situation the report presents a much more serious view of an eventual renewed attack on Israel than does item b. above. Although there is nothing new in the report it appears to be, within its limits, a capably presented and well-reasoned piece of political analysis.

2. It may be noted how frequently among the material so far received under this plan, reports appear which are round-ups in response to specific requests from the Secretariat of State. This may be because of deliberate choice on the part of the ultimate source of this material; it may reflect limited access on the part of the original source to specific files only; or, it may indicate that there is actually relatively little routine day-to-day reporting on the part of the Apostolic Delegations concerned.